

## Fact File

USAREUR & Seventh Army Public Affairs • Unit 29351 • APO AE 09014 • Postfach 104321 • 69033 Heidelberg, Germany

U.S. Army, Europe & Seventh Army Fact File

## HERALDRY – 18<sup>TH</sup> MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE



## Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

**Description:** On a shield of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches (5.72cm) in width and 3 inches (7.62cm) in height with a 1/8 inch (.32cm) yellow border a green field bearing the yellow silhouette of a Roman fasces charged with a green sword point up.

**Symbolism**: Green and yellow are the colors of the Military Police Corps. The fasces, an ancient symbol of the magistrate's authority, and the sword for the military are combined to symbolize military law and order.

Background: The insignia was authorized on 1 Jun 1966.



## Distinctive Unit Insignia

**Description**: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86cm) in height overall consisting of a square, one point up, divided horizontally, the top half yellow, the bottom half black, bearing a red lion's head guardant, mouth black and tongue blue; and attached below the square a silver scroll inscribed "EVER VIGILANT" in black letters.

**Symbolism**: The background represents the day (yellow/gold color) and the night (black) over which the strong watchful eye of the military police, here represented by the lion's head, is in constant vigilance.

**Background:** The insignia was originally approved 1 Jun 1966. It was amended on 9 May 1985 to update the description and symbolism of the insignia.